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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number: 09/534,487
	Filing Date: March 24, 2000
	First Named Inventor: Lola M. REID <i>et al.</i>
	Group Art Unit: 1632
	Examiner: Joseph T. Voitach
	Attorney Docket Number: 320727-00119
Attorney Customer Number: 27160	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. <small>Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 <u>Fed. Reg.</u> 14865 (March 20, 2000). <u>Off. Gaz. Pat. Office</u> 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</small>	
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the Amendment/Reply After Final Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 5, 2002. ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ i. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed: ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement v. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
2. Miscellaneous a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required.) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

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3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$375.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Two checks in the amounts of \$375.00 and \$985.00 are enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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